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INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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DEPT FOR ST: ALSO ROUTE NEA AND NEA/EX

TUNIS FOR DAVID S. ROBINS

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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION-HHE AND CONSUMABLES (MACK, DAVID L.)

REF: (A) KUWAIT 1272, (B) KUWAIT 3142, (C) KUWAIT 3656,
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1. IN REPLY TO STATE 295144, SHIPMENTS MADE LAST JUNE FROM U.S. TO KUWAIT HAVE YET TO ARRIVE IN BAGHDAD, NOR HAVE WE BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY RELIABLE INFORMATION AS TO WHEN THEY WILL BE RELEASED IN KUWAIT. A GOOD PART OF THIS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IGNORING CORRECT MARKING INSTRUCTIONS, THE SUBJECT OF A REPEATED TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS (SE REFERENCES), AND CONTINUING TO MARK SHIPMENTS AS IN TRANSIT TO BAGHDAD.

2. FASTEST MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE SURFACE SHIPMENT TO ATHENS (OR PERHAPS A NORTH EUROPEAN PORT) AND TRUCK SHIPMENT FROM THERE.

3. SHIPMENT THROUGH BASRA: WE HAVE HAD ONLY ONE SHIPMENT VIA THIS PORT IN RECENT TIME, AND THAT WAS MADE FROM FRANCE IN MAY WHICH ARRIVED (DAMAGED) IN BAGHDAD ON NOVEMBER 7. MORE RECENTLY WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT SHIPMENTS ARE NOW MOVING PROMPTLY THROUGH BASRA AND THAT SHIPS ARE DOCKING

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WIHTOUT DELAY: WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FURTHER CONFIRMATION

OF THIS. IF BASRA IS TO BE USED, FREIGHT SHOULD BE PAID ONLY TO
BASRA, NOT THROUGH TO BAGHDAD. WE WOULD ARRANGE FOR TRUCK SHIPMENT
FROM THE PORT. IF FREIGHT IS PAID THROUG TO BAGHDAD, SHIPMENT
COMES FROM BASRA BY RAIL AND IS EXTREMELY SLOW.
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